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PATENT OF AGRICULTURE PRODUCTS
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Spices Board has taken any initiative to patent some of our agricultural produces under geographical indications like Darjeeling Tea, Malabar Pepper, Idukki, Cardamom, Vyanadu Turmeric etc;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is any limitation of Spices Board to patent under geographical indications of certain special agricultural produces;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(c) & (c): Spices Board has already filed its application for registering Malabar pepper and Tellicherry pepper with the Geographical Indications Registry at Chennai. Board has also taken initiative to register Alleppey Green Cardamom, Coorg Green Cardamom and Guntur Sannam Chilli under Geopgraphical Indication Act. Spices Board has not faced any intimation to register spices under Geographical Indication Act.

Tea Board has registered Darjeeling Tea as a Geographical Indication under the Geographical Indications(Registration and Production) Act, 1999.

(d) & (e): Does not arise.